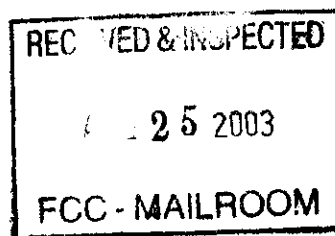
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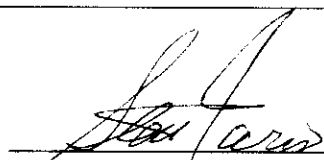
Attention: Marlene H. Dortch

Dear Ms. Dortch,

This is to certify that the following study area qualifies for safety net payment eligibility in 2004, as defined in Section 36.605 of Commission rules. We have made this determination based on the growth of Telephone Plant In Service per access line from calendar year 2001 to 2002. This is a cost study area, for which we have supplied supporting documentation to NECA as they requested.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the study areas listed below.

Study Area Name	State	Study Area Code
Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative	Arkansas	401697


Signature of Authorized Representative8-19-03
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